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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IGS CARRIER USE OF TEGEL AIRPORT

1. A MEETING OF THE BERLIN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17, AT WHICH FRG REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE NEW TERMINAL FACILITIES AT TEGEL/ BERLIN WHICH WILL BE CONCLUDED BY MID-1974. THE EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT THE FRG SIDE, ESPECIALLY THE SENAT REPRESENTATIVE, WILL PRESS AT THE MEETING FOR A MOVE IN 1974 TO TEGEL BY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FRG/ BERLIN INTERNAL GERMAN SERVICES (IGS) OPERATED BY PAN AM, BEA AND AIR FRANCE WHICH NOW SERVE BERLIN AT TEMPLEHOF.

2. ALTHOUGH NO SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MEETING, THE DISCUSSION MAY TEND TO SET THE TONE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN TEGEL AND TEMPELHOF. AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE, THEREFORE, AND NOT AS A U. S. POSITION, THE EMBASSY PLANS IF IT SEEMS DESIRABLE TO INDICATE ITS VIEW THAT THE QUESTION OF ANY MOVE TO TEGEL SHOULD IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE AIRLINES AND THE BERLINER FLUGHAFEN GESSELLSCHAFT (BFG), WHICH WILL OPERATE THE CIVILIAN SIDE OF TEGEL (UNDER
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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FRENCH). TEMPELHOF IS A SATISFACTORY TERMINAL IN OUR OPINION, BOTH FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE AIR-LINES SERVING WEST BERLIN AND OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, EVEN THOUGH TEGEL OFFERS ADVANTAGES IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. A MOVE OF A PORTION OR ALL OF THE IGS SERVICES TO TEGEL WILL INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL COSTS. IF THE BFG WISHES SUCH A MOVE TO TAKE PLACE, IT SEEMS TO TO US THAT AS A FIRST STEP THE BFG (POSSIBLY WITH OTHER GERMAN AUTHORITIES) SHOULD DISCUSS WITH THE CARRIERS THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF SUCH COSTS AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE ALLOCATED.

3. DEPENDING UPON THE COURSE AND OUTCOME OF SUCH TALKS, THE EMBASSIES (CAA' S) IN VIEW OF THEIR OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BERLIN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT, MIGHT THEN HAVE TO STEP INTO THE PICTURE.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS WHICH THE MISSION, INCLUDING THE USAA AND BASC, MAY HAVE ON THIS GENERAL APPROACH.
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